## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON DIVISION

JAMES D. JOHNSON, as next friend to Olivia Y., et al.

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:04cv251LN

HALEY BARBOUR, as Governor of the State of Mississippi, et al.

**DEFENDANTS** 

# DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Defendants Haley Barbour, as Governor of the State of Mississippi, Donald Taylor, as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, and Rickie Felder, as Director of the Division of Family and Children's Services ("Defendants") hereby serve notice that they are filing herein the Affidavit of Rickie Felder, dated April 18, 2007, certifying compliance with the notice requirements as set forth in the Court's April 3, 2007, order.

This the 18th day of April, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

HALEY BARBOUR, as Governor of the State of Mississippi; DONALD TAYLOR, as Executive Director of the Department of Human Services; and RICKIE FELDER as Director of the Division of Family and Children's Services

BY: /s/ Dewitt L. ("Rusty") Fortenberry, Jr.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to the following:

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I also certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing on the following non-ECF participants by United States Mail, postage prepaid:

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SO CERTIFIED, this the 18th day of April, 2007.

/s/ Dewitt L. ("Rusty") Fortenberry, Jr.

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF RICKIE FELDER

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI **COUNTY OF HINDS**

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said County and State, within my jurisdiction, the within named Rickie Felder, who, having been duly sworn by me, states on oath the following:

- 1. My name is Rickie Felder and I am over 21 years of age. I am of sound mind am competent to testify as to the matters set forth in this affidavit.
- I am employed as the Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services 2. Division of Family and Children's Services.
- 3. I managed the preparation and mailing of notices to class members regarding the proposed settlement in Olivia Yv. Barbour, Civil Action No. 3:04cv251LN.
- 4. Before April 16, 2007, Defendants mailed true and correct copies of the Notice of Proposed Settlement and the appropriate accompanying letter signed by Executive Director Donald R. Taylor in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of the Court's Order dated April 3, 2007.

- 5. Before April 16, 2007, Defendants prominently posted the Court Order, Notice to Class Members of Proposed Settlement, and the Proposed Settlement on the Mississippi Department of Human Services' website in accordance with the April 3, 2007, Court Order.
- 6. I therefore certify pursuant to paragraph 3(e) of the Court's Order dated April 3, 2007, that Defendants have complied with the notice requirements of that Order.
- 7. To the best of my knowledge the matters set forth in the forgoing are true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT, this the 18+4 day of April, 2007.

Ruh-Feldy RICKIE FELDER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 18th day of April, 2007.

My Commission Expires:

Jeb. 12,2010

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